

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/763,843

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2 December 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 10-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3 and 10-25 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, Ms. Victoria A. Poissant, on 12 December 2007.
4. The application has been amended as follows:
 - In claim 11, line 14, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
 - In claim 11, line 25, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
 - In claim 11, line 27, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
 - In claim 16, line 19, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
 - In claim 16, line 26, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.

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- In claim 22, line 14, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
- In claim 22, line 24, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
- In claim 22, line 26, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
- In claim 24, line 19, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.
- In claim 24, line 26, immediately after "the implantable", "neural stimulator" was deleted, and -- unit -- was inserted.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Palmer (US Patent no. 7,110,822) describes a hand-held remote unit for serving as a remote status device and a control device for a cochlear implant system.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian T. Gedeon whose telephone number is (571) 272 3447. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

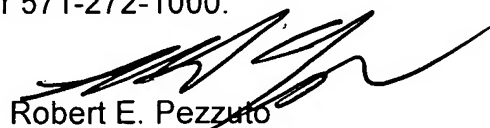
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert E. Pezzuto can be reached on (571) 272 6996. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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